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BROMSGROVE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT

FOR THE YEAR 1960

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ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1960

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE BROMSGROVE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my Annual Report on the Health of the Rural District of Bromsgrove during the year ended 31st December, 1960.

The general health of the population remained good. Only 77 notifications of infectious disease were received. Deaths due to malignant disease showed a welcome fall to 18.2% of all causes of death, the lowest for 6 years.

The total of completed immunisations against diphtheria of children under 1 year on the 31st December has again shown a very satisfactory increase - 51 in 1957, 100 in 1958, 157 in 1959 and 203 in 1960. This four-fold increase in the past four years is most gratifying. Another satisfactory feature was the increase in the number of children under 1 year vaccinated against small pox. Of the average number of babies born in the two years 1960 and 1959, 71.4% were vaccinated against small pox as compared with 51.8% for the average of the two years 1959 and 1958. There was also an appreciable increase in immunisation against whooping cough, while the response to poliomyelitis vaccination continued high, especially in the child population.

There was only a small fall from 456 to 439 in the number of applicants on the Council's Housing List in spite of the increase in Council houses erected from 18 in 1959 to 70 in 1960. Private building increased from 242 to 278 houses, while there was an unwelcome increase in the number of moveable dwellings, mainly caravans, from 496 in 1959 to 530 in 1960.

Although 6490 yards of new mains were laid by water undertakings a number of households still depend on water from private wells and springs. Of 55 samples submitted for bacteriological examination 69% were reported unsatisfactory.

The Directory prepared by the Bromsgrove Districts Social Services Committee was issued and it is hoped that this has proved useful. Quarterly meetings were held and cases discussed when they arose.

I am glad to say that no case arose in which action needed to be taken under Section 47 of the National Assistance Act.

I would like to express my appreciation of the work done by the Public Health Inspectors, the help given by Officers of other Departments and the assistance given by yourself, Mr. Chairman, and the Members of the Health Committee.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

C.H. PHILLIPS, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.

Medical Officer of Health

SECTION A

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area in acres 45,610		
Registrar General's estimate of resident population (Census, 1951 - 28,172)	Mid 1960	34,530
	Mid 1959	33,950
	Mid 1947	25,230
	Mid 1937	19,620
Number of inhabited houses according to Rate Book	End of 1960	10,675
	End of 1959	10,344
	End of 1958	10,146
	End of 1947	7,798
	End of 1937	6,645
Rateable Value, 31st March, 1960		£395,799
Sum Represented by a Penny Rate at 31st March, 1960		£1612. 13. 6d.

POPULATION BY PARISHES	1939	Estimated 1960
Alvechurch	3,236	5,690
Belbroughton	2,676	2,740
Bentley Pauncefoot	344	350
Beoley	770	840
Clent	1,943	2,160
Cofton Hackett	3,736	4,940
Dodford-with-Grafton	513	660
Frankley	184	170
Hagley	2,233	3,400
Hunnington	543	640
Romsley	1,070	1,300
Stoke Prior	2,130	2,540
Tutnall and Cobley	697	840
Wythall	4,482	8,260
	24,557	34,530

VITAL STATISTICS
(1959 figures in brackets)

LIVE BIRTHS

	M.		F.		Total	
Legitimate	308	(334)	320	(263)	628	(597)
Illegitmate	10	(8)	12	(9)	22	(17)
	318	342	332	(272)	650	(614)

Birth Rate (Births per 1,000 population)

	1960	1959	1958	1957	1937	1960 - Eng. Wales
Crude	18.82	18.08	17.53	17.45	14.1	17.1 (16.5)
Comparability Factor	0.98	0.98	0.98	1.01		
Standardised	18.44	17.71	17.17	17.62		

There was again an increase in the birth rate. The standardised birth rate of 18.44 was above that for the whole country, namely 17.1.

Illegitemacy Rate (Total live illegitimate births per hundred total live births)

1960	1959	1958	1957	1937
3.38	2.76	2.21	2.59	3.20

STILL BIRTHS	M.	F.	Total
Legitimate	10	12	22 (13)
Illegitimate	2	-	2 (1)
	12	12	24 (14)

Still-birth Rate (Still births per 1,000 total live and still births)

1960	1959	1958	1957	1937	1960 - Eng. Wales
35.6	22.3	10.1	23.6	38.1	19.7 (20.7)

DEATHS	M.	F.	Total
	166 (171)	156 (144)	322 (315)

Death Rate (Deaths per 1,000 population)

	1960	1959	1958	1957	1937	1960 - Eng. Wales
Crude	9.03	9.28	9.41	9.26	11.1	11.5 (11.6)
Comparability Factor	1.21	1.21	1.19	1.17		
Standardised	10.92	11.22	11.19	10.83		

Major Causes of Deaths (By percentages)

	1960	1959	1958	1957
1. Disease of the Circulatory System	51.6%	50.16%	45%	51.3%
2. Malignant Diseases	18.2%	25.08%	21.9%	18.8%
3. Respiratory Diseases (excluding T.B.)	11.5%	13.01%	12%	13.5%
4. Violent and Accidental Deaths	6.6%	2.54%	6.3%	3.6%

MATERNAL DEATHS

Maternal Mortality (Maternal Deaths per 1,000 total live and still births)

1960	1959	1958	1957	1937	1960 - England and Wales	
1.48	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	0.39	(0.38)

INFANT AND NEONATAL DEATHS

Infant deaths (under 1 year of age).

	M.	F.	Total	
Legitimate	6	6	12	(8)
Illegitimate	-	1	1	(-)
	6	7	13	(8)

Neonatal deaths (under 4 weeks of age).

	M.	F.	Total	
Legitimate	4	3	7	(8)
Illegitimate	-	1	1	(-)
	4	4	8	(8)

Deaths of Infants under 1 week of age

	M.	F.	Total	
Legitimate	4	2	6	(6)
Illegitimate	-	1	1	(-)
	4	3	7	(6)

Infant and Neonatal Mortality Rates

	1960	1959	1958	1957	1960 - Eng.& Wales
Deaths of Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births	19.18	13.40	19.16	15.95	-
Deaths of Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births	45.45	-	153.84	-	-
Deaths of infants under 4 weeks of age per1,000 total live births	12.30	13.03	18.74	12.09	15.6
Deaths of infants under 1 yr of age per 1,000 total live births	20.00	13.03	22.14	15.54	21.7

Causes of Infant Deaths

Congenital Malformation	3
Prematurity	4
Respiratory Disease	2
Diseases peculiar to the newborn	2
Other Causes	2

CAUSES OF DEATHS IN THE BROMSGROVE RURAL DISTRICT

1960

Causes of Death	M.	F.	Total	Mortality Rate per 1,000 pop.
1. Tuberculosis respiratory	1	1	2	.06
2. Tuberculosis other	-	-	-	-
3. Syphilitic disease	1	-	1	.03
4. Diphtheria	-	-	-	-
5. Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-
6. Meningococcal infections	-	-	-	-
7. Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-	-	-
8. Measles	-	-	-	-
9. Other infective and parasitic diseases	-	-	-	-
10. Malignant neoplasm, stomach	1	5	6	.17
11. Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	7	3	10	.28
12. Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	9	9	.26
13. Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	1	1	.03
14. Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	16	16	32	.92
15. Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	-	2	2	.06
16. Diabetes	1	3	4	.11
17. Vascular Lesions of nervous system	26	24	50	1.44
18. Coronary disease, angina	31	23	54	1.56
19. Hypertension with heart disease	3	7	10	.28
20. Other heart disease	22	26	48	1.39
21. Other circulatory disease	9	8	17	.49
22. Influenza	-	-	-	-
23. Pneumonia	13	7	20	.57
24. Bronchitis	12	6	18	.52
25. Other diseases of respiratory system	1	1	2	.06
26. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	2	-	2	.06
27. Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	-	1	1	.03
28. Nephritis and Nephrosis	1	-	1	.03
29. Hyperplasia of prostate	1	-	1	.03
30. Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	-	1	1	.03
31. Congenital malformation	4	3	7	.20
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases	6	8	14	.40
33. Motor vehicle accidents	3	-	3	.09
34. All other accidents	4	1	5	.14
35. Suicide	1	-	1	.03
36. Homicide and operations of war	-	-	-	-
TOT S	166	156	322	10.92

SECTION B

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES

The County Council continued to administer the several antenatal, child welfare, school health, dental and specialist clinics, where much valuable work is done towards the preservation of health of the community and the prevention of disease. The help given at Infant Welfare Clinics by voluntary workers was very much appreciated by the Medical and Nursing Staffs.

The Health Visiting, Home Nursing and Midwifery Services, provided by the County Council, supported by the Home Help Service arranged by the W.V.S. and Loan of Nursing Requisites Scheme managed by the Red Cross, continued to provide invaluable domiciliary help and advice.

(a) Hospital Services

The following hospitals were available to the residents of the district:-

Infectious Disease	Hayley Green Hospital, Halesowen Little Bromwich Fever Hospital, Birmingham
Tuberculosis	Knightwick Sanatorium Hayley Green Sanatorium, Halesowen
Maternity	The General Hospital, Bromsgrove Mary Stevens Maternity Hospital, Stourbridge Lucy Baldwin Maternity Hospital, Stourport The Birmingham Maternity Hospital, Birmingham
Children's Diseases	Children's Hospital, Birmingham
Venereal Disease	General Hospital, Birmingham Royal Infirmary, Worcester
Mental Illness	Barnsley Hall Mental Hospital, Bromsgrove Powick Mental Hospital, Malvern
Chest Surgery	Hill Top Hospital, Bromsgrove
General	The General Hospital, Bromsgrove Bromsgrove Cottage Hospital Smallwood Hospital, Redditch
Aged. Chronic Sick	The General Hospital, Bromsgrove

(b) Laboratory Facilities

Bacteriological examinations were carried out by the Public Health Laboratory Service, Royal Infirmary, Worcester. Analysis of water etc., was carried out by the County Laboratory at Worcester. The Health Department is indebted to the directors of those laboratories for their ready assistance and co-operation.

Figures of immunisation and vaccination carried out are found under Section (F).

(c) Ambulance Service

This was provided by the County Council and the Rural District was served from depots at Bromsgrove and Redditch.

(d) Health Education

The Council contributes to the Central Council for Health Education.

Coloured Slides were made showing foot defects among school children and these were shown to Parent-Teacher Organisations and school children.

The Chief Public Health Inspector gave talks to school children on smoking and Food Hygiene.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

1. Sanitary Inspection of the Area

The Chief Public Health Inspector in his report gives details of the Sanitary Inspections carried out during the year.

2. Water Supply

Apart from supplies to Adams Hill and Clent the supply of main water in the District is in the charge of various statutory water undertakings. The supply of water to a small area at Chapmans Hill, Romsley was taken over by the East Worcestershire Waterworks on 1st April, 1960.

Most of the houses in the district were supplied with main piped water supplies which were satisfactory in quality and quantity. There were still, however, many dwellings and farm premises with only well water supplies. These latter supplies were to a large extent, unsatisfactory, and households were advised to boil the water before use.

Routine sampling of drinking water from private wells and springs for bacteriological and chemical analysis was continued during the year. The results were very poor; 69% were bacteriologically unsatisfactory while 12% were chemically unsatisfactory.

Sampling at source of main supplies was done by the Water Undertakings, but consumer samples were taken from time to time in the District. All were satisfactory.

During the year under review, the following extensions of mains were effected:-

The City of Birmingham Water Department 740 yards

East Worcestershire Waterworks Company	4,343 yards
The South Staffordshire Waterworks Company	- yards
Stourbridge and District Water Board	1,407 yards

The following was the position with regard to the schemes of water main extensions:-

Alvechurch

Lea End	In abeyance.

Belbroughton

Extension of Croppings Green main to Dordale	Work in hand at the end of the year.

Beoley

Bransomes Cross and Gorcott Hill Area. Portway/Whitepits Lane Area.	Guarantee agreement awaited from East Worcestershire Waterworks Company Approved by Council. Awaiting estimate of cost.

Clent

Walton Pool & Vine Lane) Adams Hill)	Originally two schemes. This is now being dealt with as a whole.

Clent & Romsley

Rumbow	Awaiting completion of agreement between South Staffordshire Waterworks and Stourbridge Water Board.

Stoke Prior

Finch End & Finstall Park Farm	Not yet submitted for grant.

3. Drainage and Sewerage

The following are the sewage Disposal Works situated in the District:-

Alvechurch	Lye Bridge
Clent	Hossill Lane
	Horse Pasture - Land Irrigation
Cofton Hackett	Kingswood Road - to Birmingham
	Cofton Road
Belbroughton	Wey bridge
Hagley	Sweetpool Lane
Hunnington	Illey Lane
Stoke Prior	Finstall - Pumping Station to Bromsgrove U.D.C.
Wythall	Houndsfield Lane

Apart from schemes which have been previously considered and are at present in abeyance, the general position with regard to schemes for sewers and sewage disposal at the end of the year was as follows:-

Alvechurch

Hopwood area.	Work continued throughout the year.
Lye Bridge Works.	Negotiations in hand for purchase of additional land.
Bittell Road area (Duplication)	Submitted to Ministry of Housing and Local Government.
Alvechurch Village area	Approved in principle. Scheme to be prepared. Tanyard Lane Relief Scheme abandoned in favour of complete scheme.

Belbroughton

Fairfield	Approved in principle by Council. Submitted to Ministry.

Clent

Pinewoods Avenue Area	Work completed during year.

Hagley

Sweetpool Lane Works	Work completed during year.

Hunnington

Illey Lane Works reconstruction etc.	Approved in principle by Council. Detailed scheme to be prepared. Held up to facilitate progress with other schemes of higher priority.

Stoke Prior

Henbrook Works Extension	Consulting Engineer to prepare detailed scheme.

Wythall

Inkford & Tanners Green.	Approved in principle by Council.
Shawbrook Are.	Approved in principle by Council.
Houndsfield Lane - Works reconstruction; sewering part Station Rd. & part Alcester Rd.	Approved in principle and submitted to Ministry. Visit by Ministry Inspector in December, 1960.

Sewerage Schemes which need to be carried out as soon as possible are those for Fairfield, Holt End, Beoley and the Inkford area where overflowing cesspools are a nuisance and either enter roadside ditches or cause pollution of streams. Reconstruction work at Illey Lane Works at Hunnington and extension

of Henbrook Works also needs to be expedited as they are considerably overloaded.

Pail Emptying

Pail emptying service was continued at fortnightly intervals in Stoke Prior and in a portion of Wythall Parish.

A total of 128 households were served.

4. Public Cleansing

This service is administered by the Surveyor's Department Domestic refuse is collected fortnightly and cesspools are emptied quarterly free of charge.

SECTION D

HOUSING

As will be seen from figures under Soction A of this report the population of the district was increased by 580. Although 70 houses were erected by the Council and 278 by private enterprise, the general position remained much the same, there still being 439 applicants on the Council's Housing List.

Details of action taken under the Housing and Public Health Acts are included in the report of the Chief Public Health Inspector.

SECTION E

INSEPCTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Routine inspections of food premises were continued during the year, and every effort was made to ensure the clean and safe handling of foodstuffs. Further reference to the subject is made in the Chief Public Health Inspector's Report.

Food Poisoning

Four individual cases of food poisoning were notified during the year. Investigation failed to show the cause.

SECTION F

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

Notifiable Diseases 1960

DISEASE	Corrected Notifications
Smallpox	-
Diphtheria	-
Scarlet Fever	12
Measles	19
Whooping Cough	28
Typhoid Fever	-
Paratyphoid	-
Dysentery	2
Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis	-
Acute Poliomyelitis	-
Acute Encephalitis	-
Erysipelas	4
Acute Pneumonia	6
Puerperal Pyrexia	2
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	-
Malaria	-
Food Poisoning	4
TOTAL	77

Diphtheria Immunisation

The number of children immunised during the year was as follows:-

Primary Immunisation

Under 5 years old	559	(387)
5 - 14 years old	14	(33)
	573	(420)
Re-inforcing (Booster) injections	334	(320)

The "Immunisation State" of children in the Rural District on 31st December, 1960, was as follows:-

Age at 31.12.60. i.e. Born in year	Under 1 1960	1 - 4 1956-1959	5 - 9 1951-1955	10-14 1946-1950	Under 15 Total
Last complete course of injections (whether primary or booster), 1956 - 1960	203	1,842	1,507	125	3,677
1955 or earlier	-	-	905	2,146	3,050
Number of Births	650	2,430			

Smallpox

No case of smallpox was reported.

Number of persons Vaccinated (or Revaccinated) during 1960:-

Age at 31.12.60. i.e. born in year	Under 1 1960	1 1959	2-4 1956-1958	5-14 1946-1955	15 and over 1945	Total
Number Vaccinated	453	15	10	16	13	507
Number Revaccinated	-	-	-	5	14	19

The number of babies vaccinated showed an appreciable increase over the previous year. The figure of 453 was 71.4% of the average number of babies born in the two years 1960-1959 which was 634.

Whooping Cough

Number of children who have completed a primary course (normally 3 injections) of pertussis vaccine (singly or in combination) in the Authority's area during the year ended 31.12.60.

0-4 years	5-14 years	Total
537	10	547

Tuberculosis

Incidence and Mortality during 1960

Age	New Cases				Deaths			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 - 44	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	-
45 - 64	6	1	-	-	-	1	-	-
65 and over	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
Age unknown	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	7	3	-	1	1	1	-	-

Tuberculosis continued to be notified to the district Council. The Statutory duty of keeping the Tuberculosis Register rested with the County Council.

The District Health Department maintains a list of individuals resident within the district notified as suffering from Tuberculosis, which was kept up-to-date by information received from the County Medical Officer of Health.

Ten cases of pulmonary tuberculosis were notified during the year.

The total number of registered cases was 165 (159) as follows:-

	M.	F.	Total
Pulmonary	79	74	153
Non-Pulmonary	6	6	12
Totals	85	80	165

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1960

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE BROMSGROVE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my report for the year 1960.

Applications for Grants, both Standard and Discretionary, for the improvement of houses continued to be received, 38 being approved for Discretionary and 30 for Standard grants. Certificates for payment of 27 Discretionary Grants totalling £6,433 as well as 24 Standard Grants amounting to an additional £2,694 were issued during the year.

Twenty six Demolition Orders and five Closing Orders were made and two formal undertakings were accepted. In addition six properties were demolished as a result of informal action. Only two applications for Certificates of Disrepair were received under the Rent Act, 1957.

Various lengths of water main were laid by the Water Undertakings, as set out in my report, mainly to supply new development, and the extension to supply the Dordale area of Belbroughton parish under a guarantee agreement was in hand at the end of the year.

The reconstruction of the Hagley Sewage Works and the sewering of Pinewoods Avenue in Clent Parish was completed. Work continued on sewering the Hopwood area of Alvechurch through the year. Ninety-three existing houses were connected to the sewer during the year.

The report required under the Slaughterhouses Act, 1958, was submitted to the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food who confirmed the date of 1st January, 1962, for the application of the Construction Regulations to the District. The five slaughterhouses continued to operate, a total of 444 cattle, 39 calves, 2417 sheep and 289 pigs being inspected. The meat was generally of good quality and only a small percentage was condemned following inspection.

Sixteen milk samples taken were all satisfactory and only two of the sixty-nine ice cream samples were not placed in grades 1 or 2 (satisfactory).

Generally the work of the Department has gone satisfactorily throughout the year and I would express my thanks to the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee and to Officers of other Departments and especially to the members of the Health Department for their helpful co-operation.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Yours obedient Servant,

PEARSON P. CHAMINGS
Chief Public Health Inspector

COMPLAINTS

A total of 124 complaints were received during the year 1960, all of which were investigated and appropriate action taken.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

The following are the numbers and nature of Inspections made during the year:-

Houses inspected	1027
Number of inspections and re-inspections of houses	2256
Inspections under Housing Regulations	-
Visits re complaints and nuisances	125
Knacker's Yard	27
Visit re Meat Inspection	479
Visits re Notifiable Disease	49
Milk and Dairies	20
Piggeries	87
Schools	18
Factories and Workshops	26
Outworkers' Premises	-
Tents, 'Vans and Sheds	483
Water Supply	123
Works in progress	366
Drainage	258
Shops etc. (re unfit food)	5
Visits to Shops and Food Premises	314
Rodent Control	140
Canal Boats	-
Outside Interviews	456
Verminous Premises	-
Miscellaneous	238
Total number of informal Notices served during the year	53

HOUSING

1. Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the year:-

(1)	(a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	1027
	(b) Number of Inspections made for the purpose	2256
(ii)	(a) Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (i) above) which were inspected and recorded under Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 and 1932.	-
	(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	-
(iii)	Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	39

(iv)	Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceeding sub-head) not found to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	71
2.	Remedy of defects during the year without Service of formal notices:-	
	Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers.	88
3.	Action under Statutory Powers during the year:-	
A.	Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 12 of the Housing Act, 1957:-	
(i)	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Notices were served requiring repairs	-
(ii)	Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:-	
	(a) By Owners.	-
	(b) By Local Authority in default of owners	-
B.	Proceedings under Public Health Acts:-	
(i)	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Notices were served requiring defects to be remedied.	2
(ii)	Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:-	
	(a) By Owners	2
	(b) By Local Authority in default of owners	-
C.	Proceedings under Sections 16 and 23 of the Housing Act, 1957:-	
(i)	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	26
(ii)	Number of dwelling houses demolished in anticipation of Demolition Orders	6
(iii)	Number of Undertakings accepted under Section 16	2
(iv)	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made	5

General - Housing

Twenty-six Demolition Orders and five Closing Orders were made during the year. In addition six sub-standard houses were demolished as a result of informal action. In two cases the Council accepted Undertakings from owners.

Eighty-eight houses in addition were repaired as a result of informal action.

Discretionary Grants

Applications were approved to the end of the year for 38 houses. Two applications were under consideration at the end of the year.

Work was completed at 27 houses and grants totalling £6433 were certified for payment.

Standard Grants

Thirty applications were approved and one was still under consideration at the end of the year. Certificates for payment of grants totalling £2694 were issued in respect of 24 houses.

Rent Act, 1957

Only 2 applications for Certificates of Disrepair were received during the year. Three Undertakings were received and no certificate was issued.

MOVEABLE DWELLINGS

There were eight sites licensed under the Public Health Act and twenty-three individual licences in force during the year.

The total number of moveable dwellings in permanent occupation throughout the District was 530 mainly modern trailer caravans.

The demand for this type of accommodation arose mainly from persons not previously resident in the District.

The Camping Club of Great Britain continued to maintain their holiday site at Romsley in a satisfactory manner.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

(a) Milk

As the District was in a "Specified Area" all milk sold to the public had to be under one of the authorised Special Designations, and consequently no samples of non-designated milk were taken.

The 10 samples of designated milk submitted for examination complied with the required standard. It will be appreciated that a large percentage of the milk retailed in the District was bottled in other Authorities' areas where it was regularly sampled, and therefore, only a limited number were taken by my Department.

In addition, 6 samples were taken for biological examination all of which were negative for M. Tuberculosis.

The Milk (Special Designations) Regulations, 1949

The following licences (including supplementary licences) were issued during the year.

Tuberculin Test Milk:-	
Distributors	31
Pasteurised Milk:-	
Distributors	36
Sterilised Milk:-	
Distributors	42

(b) Meat and Other Foods

There were five licensed slaughterhouses in the District, All animals were inspected and this entailed some extra work at weekends and evening.

Slaughterhouse Report

The Report required under the Slaughterhouses Act, 1958, was considered and approved by the Council in June, 1960, and they recommended the 1st January, 1962, as the date for the Construction Regulations to apply to this District.

The report was submitted to the Minister who confirmed the date.

Following is a summary of the inspections and c ondemnations which took place:-

CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED

	Cattle Excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed	443	1	39	2417	289
Number inspected	443	1	39	2417	289
All diseases except Tuberculosis					
Whole carcases condemned	-	-	1	-	1
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	46	-	-	20	1
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis	13.83	-	2.56	.82	.69
Tuberculosis only					
Whole carcase condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcase of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	1
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	.34

One localised case of C.bovis was discovered.

Routine visits were made to food shops, cafes and public-houses for the inspection of premises and examination of food stuffs, and, in the main, conditions were reasonably satisfactory.

A certain amount of foodstuffs of various kinds were condemned as unfit for human consumption at retail food premises during the year.

(c) Ice Cream

The total number of registrations in force for premises for the manufacture of Ice Cream was two and for retail sale only 131.

Sixty-nine samples were submitted during the year for bacteriological examination and the results of the samples were as follows:-

Provisional Grade	1	49	Satisfactory
	2	18	Satisfactory
	3	2	Unsatisfactory
	4	-	Unsatisfactory

SLAUGHTER OF ANIMALS ACT

Twenty-two licences to slaughter animals were issued under the above Act during the year.

HOUSE DRINAGE

Ninety-three existing houses were connected to sewers and 10 were drained to cesspools.

Also 341 new houses were connected to sewers.

The question of providing sewers to various parts of the District and improving disposal works where necessary was considered by the Council during the year.

WATER SUPPLY

Four samples of main water were submitted for bacteriological and chemical examination, and one for bacteriological examination only. All were satisfactory.

Seventeen samples of water from private wells and springs were submitted for both chemical and bacteriological examination, and thirty-eight for bacteriological examination only.

Of these thirty-eight were bacteriologically unsatisfactory and two chemically unsatisfactory, fifteen were chemically satisfactory and seventeen bacteriologically satisfactory

Thirty-three existing premises were connected to the water main in the course of 1960.

A total of 6,490 yards of new mains were laid by the various Water Undertakings within the District during the year.

Those extensions were principally to supply new development in Wythall, Alvechurch and Hagley.

Work was almost completed on the Dordale extension in Belbroughton.

There is still the need to provide main water to the considerable number of houses in the district in urgent need of piped water supply, particularly in the Portway and Gorcott Hill area, Beoley; Rumbow area, Clent; Vine Lane and Walton Pool, Clent.

DISINFESTATION

No house was found to be in need of disinfestation.

All the Council refuse tips were periodically treated for flies and crickets where necessary by the Surveyor's Department.

RODENT CONTROL

A full time Rodent Operative is employed. A total of 184 infestations of private house, 80 business premises and 84 at agricultural premises were successfully treated.

During the year the Council continued to provide a free service for the destruction of rats at private dwellings, but in the case of business premises a charge was made as previously.

The service was fully used and in addition a considerable number of visits were made for survey purposes by the Operative.

Forty-eight contracts were made for the treatment of business and agricultural premises during the year and the income from this source amounted to £251. 10. 0d.

Frequent inspections of the refuse tips and sewage works were carried out throughout the year and necessary treatments carried out by the Operative.

Due to the co-operation of the public, possibly because of the free service, 106 infestations were notified. These were in early stages and were thus only of a minor nature, but it seems essential to continue the service to prevent any large-scale build-up.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1949

One case occurred during the course of the year where it was necessary to make arrangements for the burial, under the provisions of the above act, of a person dying within the District.

RAG FLOCK AND OTHER FILLING MATERIAL ACT, 1951

The premises of one firm are registered for the use of filling material to which this Act applies.

SMOKE ABATEMENT

The number of industrial premises is not large and as a result air pollution from factory chimneys did not present a major problem.

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 and 1948

PREMISES	Number on Register (3)	Number of		
		Inspections (4)	Written Notices (5)	Occupiers Prosecuted (6)
1. Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	3	2	-	-
2. Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	79	22	-	-
3. Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out - workers premises).	6	2	-	-
TOTAL	88	26	-	-

CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

PARTICULARS (1)	No. of cases in which defects found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were Instituted (7)
			Referred		
	Found (3)	Remedied (4)	To H.M. Inspector (5)	By H.M. Inspector (6)	
Want of Cleanliness (S.1)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable Temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate Ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective Drainage of Floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7):-					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or Defective	2	2	-	2	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	2	2	-	2	-